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In re Patent Application of:  
Shinichiro Fukuoka

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Art Unit: 2612

For: ARTICLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,  
NONCONTACT ELECTRONIC TAG,  
ARTICLE MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM

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Examiner: V. U. Brown

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.